position. Future movement of tea prices would thus depend on the free play of market forces. However, in the event of significant rise in prices, steps are taken by the Tea Board to supply economy packs of tea to the consumers with the voluntary assistance of the Tea Industry through National Cooperative Consumers' Federation and by direct marketing by the tea producers. Such steps have been resorted to by the Tea Board during 1997-98.

Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty

4313. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the import items on which anti-dumping duty has been imposed and since when; and

(b) the number of applications which have been pending for imposing anti-dumping duty alongwith the names of the items mentioned in the applications and by when the said applications would be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) A list of items on which final anti dumping duties have been imposed and items wherein provisional duties have been recommended is given at Statement "A" and "B" respectively. (*See* below)

(b) The details of cases under investigation pending for preliminary findings are given in statement "C". The Designated Authority finalises all cases within the prescribed statutory time limits.

Statement

"A": Cases where Definitive (Final) Anti Dumping Duties imposed

	Product	Country	Range of Duty Imposed/ recommended (Rs. per unit)	Date of Imposition
1.	PVC Resin*	Brazil, Mexico Korea Rp, USA	504-2036\MT	18.01.1994
2.	Bishenol-A**	Japan	7477MT	11.03.1994
3.	Potassium Permanganate	China PR	5992/MT	05.09.1995
4.	Isosbutyl Benzene $	China PR	10634/MT	31.08.1995
5.	3,4,5 Trimethoxy Benzaldehyde	China PR	237/Kg.	20.10.1995
6.	Theophylline Caffeine	China PR	108/Lg 101/Kg.	20.10.1995
7.	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber	Japan	19306/MT	14.11.1995
8.	Bisphenol-A	Brazil, Russia	10263 - 12559/MT	26.12.1995
9.	Sodium Ferrocyanide	China PR	16358/MT to 20287/MT	20.12.1996
10.	Dead Burnt Magnesite (DBM)	China PR	1333/MT to 1925/MT	20.12.1996
11.	Low Carbon Ferro Chrome(LCFC)	Russia, Kazakhastan	10900 to 18600/MT	20.12.1996
12.	8-Hydroxyquinoline	China PR	183/Kg to 206/Kg	01.04.1997
13.	Bisherol-A	USA	10,000/MT	29.04.1997
14.	Acrylonitrile Butadiene	Germany, Korea RP	8316-13255/MT	30.07.1997
15.	Acrylic fibres	USA, Thailand, Korea RP	6.30 to 42.93 per kg.	24.10.1997
16.	Catalysts	Denmark	21.24-192.01 per ltr.	02.02.1998
17.	Graphite Electrodes	***	5517-30997 pmt	05.05.1998
18.	Newsprint	USA, Canada, Russia	Reference price 22958-26696 per mt	$$
19.	PTA	Thailand, Korea RP, Indonesia	1130-3375 pmt	28.04.98
20.	Vitamin-C	Japan, China PR	27.59-61.96 per kg.	$$

* Duties recommended to be discontinued on 23.12.1997 after review.

** Increased to 843/MT after review.

$ Increased to 12465/MT after review.

*** USA, China, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Austria, France

$$ Duty recommended by the Designated Authority. Notification by Ministry of Finance imposing definitive duties not issued. However, provisional duty is in force.

"B": Cases recommended for provisional duties and investigation in progress

Product	Country	Date of Initiation	Recommendation date	Quantum of Duty Recommended (Rs. per unit)
1. Magnesium	China PR	31.07.97	06.02.98	27509 pmt
2. Metallurigical Coke	China PR	28.8.97	20.03.98	1800 pmt
3. Polystyrene	Korea RP, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia	16.9.97	12.05.98	nil-11388 pmt
4. H.R. Coils	Russia, Ukraine & Kazakhastan	06.10.97	17.06.98	Nil

"C": Cases under investigation for provisional duties

	Product	Date of Initiation	Country
1.	Sea Water Magnesia/ Fused Magnesia	05.11.97	China PR
2.	Lovastatin	22.12.97	China PR
3.	Acrylic fibres	07.01.98	Spain, Portugal, Japan, Italy
4.	Industrial Sewing Needles	16.01.98	*****
5.	Calcium Carbide	28.01.98	China RP, Romania
6.	P Tert Butyl Catechol	19.02.98	France
7.	Chloroquine Phosphate	19.02.98	China PR
8.	Ortho Chloro Benzaldehide	19.02.98	China PR
9.	Citric Acid	18.03.98	China PR
10.	SBR	07.04.98	++
11.	Photographic paper	07.05.98	UK Germany
12.	EPDM	20.05.98	Japan

***** Germany, Korea PR, China RP, Japan, & Czech. Republic
++ Japan, Korea PR, Turkey, China, Taiwan, USA, Germany, France

Export of Basmati Rice to Europe

4314. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that European Basmati Importers while importing rice from India, have to pay first the full duty and then file for refund by justifying the import price, thus discouraging these importers from importing Basmati rice from India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to eliminate this disadvantageous position of our Indian Basmati Exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) The Commission of European Communities vide Commission Regulation (EC) No. 703/97 dated 18.9.97 has introduced, for a trial period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June, 1998 (now extended upto 31.12.98), a cummulative recovery system for determining import duties on rice which are eligible for refund upon the satisfaction of the implementing authorities.

(b) Government has conveyed its reservations to the EU and has shown how the system conflicts with various Agreements of the WTO. The Government held formal consultation with the European Commission in this regard under Article XXIII of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.